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*Discuss the relevance of Action Research to both the student and teacher and their families and how Action Research ties into the Mission Statement of the School of Education.*

After viewing everyone’s ARP presentations, I have come to realize that Action Research enables teachers to identify and investigate the problem areas within the educational setting. Teachers can use Action Research to explore the origins, theories and practices, and potential solutions for a wide variety of educational issues, whether it is the lack of support for ESL students, the increasing numbers of students reading below grade level, or the devastating effects of bullying. Once teachers have collected and analyzed their data, chosen a course of action, and evaluated the results, they can reflect on the research process to develop their teaching practices and become more effective teachers. The findings from Action Research are most beneficial to students because the data can be used to implement new and improved methods of teaching that will further meet students’ needs. Action Research also helps the families of students because it allows them to become more actively involved in their children’s learning.

The Brooklyn College’s Mission Statement of the School of Education ties into Action Research because they both require educators to collaborate, research, and develop effective teaching methods. Once teachers have identified issues that have the potential to be detrimental to their students, it is their responsibility to work collaboratively with their colleagues to discover possible solutions. Through research, teachers can provide the highest quality education that is possible that will meet the needs of learners of various abilities, backgrounds, and learning styles.